

CENTRAL NATIONAL ROBBED OF \$2000 IN OPEN DAYLIGHT

Crooks Decoy Receiving
Teller From Window and
Abstract Money.

BOLD ATTEMPT IS MADE AT FIRST NATIONAL

Window of Shipping Teller Is
Bent In by Men, Who
Escape.

THREE FORGED CHECKS PASSED

Purported to Have Been Certified
by Cashier Smith, of
Planters.

Three Richmond Banks Targets for Crooks

Unknown crooks yesterday diverted
the attention of the receiving
teller at the Central National Bank,
and while he was at the telephone
extracted \$2,000 in bills from the
counter.

Earlier in the day an effort to
force open the window of the ship-
ping teller at the First National
Bank, by three unknown men, was
frustrated.

Three forged checks were re-
turned yesterday, the signature and
the stamp indicating that the checks
had been certified by the Planters'
National Bank, having been forged.

The police of Baltimore and Phila-
delphia have been asked to watch
for the crooks, who are believed to
have gone North last night.

An organized gang of bank robbers
yesterday descended upon Richmond
stealing more than \$2,000 from the
Central National Bank, attempted to
steal a large sum of money from under
the eyes of John M. Miller, III, a teller
in the bank.

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HOLDEST ROBBERY KNOWN TO LOCAL POLICE

The theft of the money from the
Central National Bank, 307 East Broad
street, is the holdest which has ever
been consummated in this city, ac-
cording to the police. There is every
evidence that the robbery had been
planned to the minutest detail, and
that the robbers had anticipated that
the money was not discovered until
after the teller had returned from the
bank. The teller, Vincent, had returned
from the bank, and the money was
not discovered until after the teller
had returned from the bank.

Detective Sergeant Louis Kellam was
sent to the Central National Bank at
2:25 o'clock in response to a request
from Charles Hutzler, president of the
institution, to investigate the robbery.
According to the statements made by
the detective by officials of the bank, Vin-
cent, who was in the bank at 1:15
o'clock, in the same booth with the
telephone was the switchboard oper-
ator, Miss Robinson. Neither heard
any sound in the bank, and the teller
and neither suspected the robbery.

RECEIVING TELLER WAS CALLED TO TELEPHONE

Vincent informed Detective Kellam
that a man whose name was mumbled
to him over the wire, and which he
could not hear, called him to the tele-
phone. He said that the man had been
recommended to him by clerks at the
Richmond Hotel, and that he wished to
open an account. The man told him
that the woman was named to be ob-
served in opening an account and in
checking on it.

The man prolonged his talk for some
time, and in a rather rambling way,
Vincent told Detective Kellam, and this
fact became so evident that the teller
was forced to tell him several times
that it would be all right—to send
the woman to the bank, and that every-
thing would be explained to her. He
said the man still showed a disposition
to continue the discussion, and that
his talk became so foolish that Vin-
cent finally told him to hang up, and
he went to the switchboard to send the
woman to the institution, and hung up
the receiver. He remarked on the con-
versation to the switchboard operator,
and returned to his booth.

MONEY WAS STRIPPED IN NEAT PACKAGES

This occurred between 1:15 o'clock
and 1:25 o'clock, while Vincent was
engaged in gathering together the
ends of the day's business, preparatory
to closing. He had left several piles
of bills on the shelf within reach of
one of them containing \$500 in \$10
bills, which had been deposited but a
few minutes before. On the shelf were
also several other packets of bills, all
neatly banded together, and mostly in
denominations of \$10, and packed in
piles of \$250 each.

Vincent continued his work for a few
minutes before he noticed the absence
of the packet containing the \$250. He
searched carefully, and then feverishly
only to learn that not only was this
packet missing, but that several others
were likewise gone from the shelf.
Cashier P. E. Goodwin was notified,
and he at once informed President

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NEUTRAL STRIP ON BORDER

Scott Will Seek to Get Agreement
From Mexican Factions.

NACO, ARIZ., December 22.—An
agreement to establish a neutral strip
along the Mexican side of the border
to save Naco, Ariz., from further dan-
ger from Mexican shot and shell will
be sought to-morrow by Brigadier-Gen-
eral Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the
United States Army.

General Scott has been here several
days, receiving suggestions from both
Sonoran factions as to the best way to
stop firing across the border. Gen-
eral Hill declared to-day he would not
evacuate Naco.

Rains have created a river 100 feet
wide and five feet deep between the
United States and the Mexican side, and
have hindered conferences with the
Mexican leaders.

CARRANZA'S TRIP HALTED BY MEXICAN FORCES

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Gen-
eral Carranza's trip from Vera Cruz to
the Isthmus of Tehuantepec has been
interrupted by Zapata forces, who cap-
tured Soledad and from there sent a
wild locomotive into his approaching
train. Neither Carranza nor any of his
party was injured.

These facts were reported to-night
in a private dispatch from a point on
the railroad on which Carranza was
traveling.

Carranza returned to Vera Cruz after
the incident at Soledad and now has
gone to Cordoba to inspect his troops.
His officers may be later will continue
his journey to the Isthmus.

FINE WEATHER INDICATED

Snappy Temperatures and Clear Skies
on Christmas Day.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Snap-
py temperatures and clear skies will
prevail on Christmas Day throughout
the United States, with the probable
exception of the Gulf States, according
to the Weather Bureau predictions to-
night.

The bureau's chart map showed fine
weather everywhere except in the Gulf
States, which had been darkened to
indicate approaching clouds. The fore-
casters said no extreme temperatures
were expected. The mercury might run
high in the season, averaging 60 de-
grees in some sections, they said, but
nowhere was it likely to be unusually
cold.

Everywhere north of the Ohio River
line, from the New England States to
the Rocky Mountains, sufficient snow
had already fallen to last over Christ-
mas.

TINS OF OPIUM SEIZED

Two Arrests in Connection With
Attempts to Smuggle Drug Into Country.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Customs
officers today seized 100 tins of opium,
found aboard the White Star Line
steamer Adriatic, and arrested James
Murphy, a storekeeper on the ship,
on the charge of attempting to smug-
gle it into this country. The opium
is said to have come from Tokyo.

Later the officers arrested Tora Sata,
a Japanese, on the same charge, and
confiscated seventy tins of opium found
in his apartments. The tins are valued
at \$500 apiece, and the entire amount,
\$35,000 worth, of the opium, is the
largest seizure of the drug ever made
here.

When the customs officers boarded
the Adriatic, they caught one of Mur-
phy's assistants, they said, in the act
of throwing the opium overboard. Mur-
phy and Sata were held in \$15,000 bail
each.

NEW HONOR FOR GERARD

Elected Honorary Chairman of Com-
mission for Relief in Belgium.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Assis-
tance given by Ambassador James W.
Gerard, at Berlin, to the Commission
for Relief in Belgium, led to today's
election of him as honorary chairman.
This was announced to-day by Lindon
W. Bates, the vice-chairman in this
country, who said the most recent as-
sistance given by Ambassador Gerard
in obtaining from the German govern-
ment safe conduct permits through
Belgium for Americans supervising
the distribution of relief supplies, and
the Spanish ambassador at London,
already are honorary presidents of the
commission.

GLAD TO RETURN TO SING SING

John Murray Viewed With Dimmy
Prospect of Christmas Eve.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch).—John
Murray, until to-day, viewed with dis-
may the prospect of having to spend
Christmas anywhere except in Sing
Sing Prison. He is forty-five years old,
and has spent twenty-five years of his
life in the prison, having had every
Christmas dinner in the last twenty
years there. He gladly pleaded guilty
to a charge of pecking a pocket, and,
although he got only 30 cents, was
very grateful when Judge Malone, in
General Sessions Court, sentenced him
to five years "up the river."

MANY FIREMEN INJURED

Flames Do \$100,000 Damage in Wall
Paper Warehouse.

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—
More than a score of firemen were
injured and a score of others were
otherwise injured to-night fight-
ing a fire that destroyed the four-
story warehouse of Charles M. N. Kil-
gore, dealer in wall paper. The dam-
age is estimated at \$100,000.

Guests in the Hotel Windsor, which
adjoins the burned structure, were
forced to seek other quarters because
of the dense smoke, while the bar lo-
cated in an annex suffered damages
of \$20,000.

AGED JEWELER SLAIN

William Grant, of Asheville, Shot to
Death by E. M. Jarrett.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 22.—
William Grant, aged seventy-two, a
jeweler, was shot and killed in a store
here early to-day by E. M. Jarrett, a
retired business man. Jarrett surren-
dered to the police.

The cause of the shooting is not
known. Jarrett refused to make a
statement.

THAW SENDS \$500 TO BARNUM

Makes Gift to Gatekeeper Who Lost His
Job at Matteawan.

BETTER BASEBALL IS THE SLOGAN

Enthusiastic Meeting at Business
Men's Club Last
Night.

UP TO VIRGINIA LEAGUE
Committee Appointed to Confer
With Club Owners at Ses-
sion Next Month.

Virginia League magnates again
hold the baseball future of Richmond
in the hollow of their hands. Reso-
lutions calling upon the club holders
to surrender the local territorial rights
held by them were unanimously adopt-
ed last night at a meeting of local
men in the Business Men's Club. If
the league accedes to the wishes of
these people, the Baltimore franchise
in the International League will be
transferred to this city next season,
and the dreams of local fans will be
realized.

It was a rousing meeting held last
night. It was called for the purpose of
giving the local men interested in
baseball an opportunity to learn what
the Baltimore owners had in mind. The
International League intended to do it
representatives of the Orioles, the Rich-
mond club, and the head of the Vir-
ginia League, as well as prominent
local sport lovers, made short talks.

That the meeting was in favor of
better baseball was evidenced by the
resolutions. In addition, a committee
of three was appointed to get in touch
with the Virginia League, for the pur-
pose of effecting an amicable settle-
ment of any difficulty which might
arise during the negotiations for the
release of the local territory.

ALVIN M. SMITH'S APPOINTED CHAIRMAN

Alvin M. Smith, president of the Busi-
ness Men's Club, was made temporary
chairman of the meeting. After out-
lining the business before it, and the
objects he called upon William H.
Bradley, owner of the Richmond club
in the Virginia League, to tell the
present status of affairs.

According to Mr. Bradley, satisfac-
tory terms had been reached between
the Broad Street Park Corporation, as
the club is officially known, and Jack
Dunn, owner and manager of the Ori-
oles, for the transfer of his team to this
city.

"I was informed several weeks ago
by a representative of The Times-
Dispatch that Dunn could be interested
in a proposition," Mr. Bradley said.
The meeting was arranged for, and sat-
isfactory terms were agreed upon. The
National Baseball Commission, the
owners of the last resort, and the owners
and directors of the International
League have agreed to the transfer, and
all that remains is to have a set-
tlement with the Virginia League.

Mr. Bradley offered the league \$5,000 for
the release of the territory, giving the
league \$2,500, the regular price.

CHARLES H. KNAPP, IN PLEASING ADDRESS, MAKES STATEMENT

Charles H. Knapp, attorney for the
Baltimore club, then explained the situ-
ation. He stated frankly that the
Federal League was the cause of the
trouble experienced by the Orioles.

"The people of Baltimore did not love
the Federal League any the less,
but they loved the so-called major league
ball the more. They had lost their
major league franchises in the past,
and it had left a bad taste in the
mouth. When the Federal League
burst out of a clear sky, they had a
chance to slap the face of organized
baseball, and they seized the opportunity."

Mr. Knapp would not make any pre-
dictions regarding the possible suc-
cess of the Federal League. He said, however,
that he did not see where they would get
the money to carry out the elaborate pro-
gram outlined for next season. While
admitting that the Orioles did not
draw, and lost money last season, Mr.
Knapp denied that the club was down
and out.

"I do not wish to disabuse your minds on
this point," he said, "but I am not
in serious financial trouble. We owe
no money, but confess that the new
season will probably be a serious loss
to us. The game is the local park,
however, will be opened by us if the
Virginia League does not stand in the
way, and we will bring International
League teams here. The risk is great,
but Richmond is under no major league
territory, and I want it understood that
with our salary lists, we are giving
a grade of baseball equal to the major
leagues."

That the business with the Virginia
League should be the possibility of
men was the opinion of Mr. Knapp. He
said that it should not be up to the
owners of the Baltimore club to carry
on these preliminaries. Questioned by
the audience, he stated that the
draft period was over, and that
the territory could only be taken away
from the Virginia League as an emer-
gency measure.

At this point, a number of strong
statements were made by local men
who had worked last June to bring
the Virginia League by putting
a prohibitive price on the local terri-
tory had effectively blocked the
transfer. Along this line, George A.
Cense said in part:

"I think I am on record as taking
an active part last summer in what
to say right now to Mr. Knapp, I want
to say in case the Virginia League does
give away, it will have a tough season
as far as Richmond is concerned. The
people of this city want better ball,
and they are going to have it. If
they don't get it, you can count on a
dull year from the point of interest
and attendance."

SAYS VIRGINIA LEAGUE CLUB OWNERS ARE FIGHTERS

In reply to Mr. Cense, President J. O.
Bontwright, of the Virginia League,
made a statement, in which he said
it was clear that while he realized
the fighting qualities of Richmond busi-
ness men, he and his associates could
also be counted on to fight if the ne-
cessity arose. He made a lengthy
speech, in which he reviewed the ne-
gotiations of last summer, and denied
that the Virginia League had asked an
unreasonable price for the local terri-
torial rights. His statements were
later challenged by members of the
committee, but no heated words were
spoken, nor intended. Speaking of
conditions to-day, Mr. Bontwright said:

"As to the attitude of the club own-
ers now, I am not in a position to say.
I have written to them, but have re-
ceived only one reply. It was against
the proposition I came here to-night
on my own initiative to find out what
the attitude was."

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"DRY" RESOLUTION REPEATED IN HOUSE

Gets Majority of 8, While Two-
Thirds Is Required for
Adoption.

FAILS TO CARRY BY 61 VOTES
Leaders Inclined to Believe Question
Will Not Be Brought
Up Before Senate.

How Virginians Voted

For the resolution—Flood, Glass,
Hay, Holland, Jones, Saunders, Wat-
son, Slomp.
Against the resolution—Carlton,
Montague.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—The
Hobson resolution to submit a consti-
tutional amendment for national prohi-
bition to the State Legislatures, was
defeated in the House to-day, 157 mem-
bers voting for and 189 against it.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds was
required to adopt the resolution.
Party lines were wiped out in the
struggle. Democratic Leader Under-
wood and Republican Leader Mann
fought shoulder to shoulder at the
head of the forces opposing the resolu-
tion. And when the vote came, of the
197 standing for the resolution, 111
were Democrats, sixty-eight Republi-
cans, eleven Progressives, and four
were Progressive-Republicans.

Immediately after announcement of
the vote the House adjourned, the
crowd that had packed the galleries
throughout the prolonged debate dis-
persing with mingled expressions of
regret and jubilation.

Prohibition leaders declared the vote
of 157 for the resolution had come
up to their expectations, as they had
not expected a two-thirds majority.
Whether a similar resolution submitted
by Senator Sheppard of Texas, would
reach a vote in the Senate at this ses-
sion was not certain to-night. Ad-
ministration leaders were inclined to
believe it would not, because it could
not pass the House.

Notwithstanding repeated public as-
sertions that many members of the
House would try to dodge a record
vote, the roll call disclosed a heavy at-
tendance. After the session, the House
would have required 255 affirmative
votes. It thus failed to carry by sixty-
one votes.

VOTE FOR AND AGAINST HOBSON RESOLUTION

The vote:
For the Hobson resolution:
Democrats—Abercrombie, Adamson,
Ayres, Bland, Baker, Barkley, Bell,
Black, Burnett, Byrnes, South Carolina,
Byrnes, Tennessee; Chandler, Missis-
sippi; Caraway, Carr, Carter, Clark,
Crisp, Decker, Dietrich, Diersheim, Dick-
inson, Dismeyer, Doolittle, Evans,
Faison, Ferguson, Ferris, Fields, Fin-
ley, Flood, Floyd, Foster, Fowler,
Gardner, Garrett, Texas; Glass, Good-
win, Gudger, Hamilton, Harrison, Hay-
den, Helm, Helyerling, Hensley,
Hobson, Holland, Houston, Howard,
Hoxworth, Hughes, Georgia; Hull,
Kentucky; Johnson, Kansas; Jones,
California; Jones, Keating, Kin-
kaid, Maryland; Kitchen, Lever, Lewis,
Kirkpatrick, Lloyd, McKellar, Louis Mur-
ray, Nevada; West Virginia; O'Hair, Old-
ham, Padon, Page, North Carolina;
Parr, Port, Quinn, Ragadale, Rainey,
Baker, Ruben, Rucker, Russell, Sand-
ers, Seldomridge, Shackelford, Simms,
Smith, Maryland; Smith, Texas;
Sparkman, Stephens, Stout, Taggart,
Tavener, Taylor, Alabama; Taylor,
Arkansas; Taylor, Colorado; Thomas,
Walsh, Oklahoma; Tribble, Valke-
r, Virginia; Watson, Missouri;
Whaley, White, Wingo and Young of
Texas—total, 114.

Republicans—Anderson, Anthony,
Archer, Ayres, Barker, Burke, South
Dakota; Butler, Campbell, Cranston,
Dillon, Dunn, Farr, Fess, Fordney,
French, Good, Green, Iowa; Griest,
Hamilton, Michigan; Hamilton, New
York; Houghton, Hay, George, Hinds,
Humphrey, Washington; Johnson,
Michigan; Kennedy, Iowa; Kless,
Pennsylvania; Kincaid, Nebraska;
Krohn, La Follette, Lange, Langley,
Brookston, Broussard, Brown, (New
York), Bruckner, Buchanan (Illinois),
Buchanan (Texas), Buckley, Burgess,
Burke (Wisconsin), Callaway, Canter,
Cantrill, Carey, Carlin, Casey, Church,
Clancy, Clegg, Cleveland, Nebraska;
Croscher, Cullop, Cate, Dent, Dies, Dixon,
Donohoe, Donovan, Dooling, Doremus,
Dupree, Driscoll, Dungan, Eagle, Estep,
Etchison, Fitzgerald, Fitzhugh, Gallagher,
Gallagher, Gardner, Gaylor, Gilmore,
Gill, Gilmore, Goeke, Goldfogle, Gor-
don, Goulden, Graham (Illinois), Gray,
Griffin, Hamill, Hammond, Hardy, Hart,
Healy, Henry, Hill, Igoe, Kennedy
(Connecticut), Key, Kentucky,
Kinkaid (New Jersey), Korhly, La-
zearo, Lee (Georgia), Lee (Pennsylva-
nia), Leecher, Levy, Lieb, Linthicum,
Loback, Loft, Longman, McAndrews,
McClintock, Mangum, McDaniel, Ma-
han, Maher, Mitchell, Montague,
Morgan (Louisiana), Morrison, Moss
(Indiana), Mulkey, O'Brien, Oglesby,
O'Connell, O'Shaunessy, Palfrey, Patten
(New York), Peterson, Shelton, Pon-
price, Rauch, Rayburn, Reed, Reilly
(Connecticut), Reilly (Wisconsin),
Riordan, Ross, Sabath, Scully, Sherley,
Sherwood, Shively, Smith (New York),
Stanley, Stephens (Nebraska), Stevens
(New Hampshire), Stone, Stricker,
Summers, Talbot (Maryland), Talcott
(New York), Thacher, Tuttle, Under-
hill, Underwood, Vaughan, Vinson.

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HEAVY FIGHTING ON BOTH FRONTS



Congressman Richmond P. Hobson

CHEMICAL COMPANY DEFERS ITS DIVIDEND

Directors of Fertilizer Concern Con-
serve Cash Resources for
Future Business.

WOULD HAVE PAID OUT \$260,000

Conditions in Cotton Belt, Says Presi-
dent Morgan, Cause Action on Pre-
ferred Stock Quarterly Dividend to
Be Deferred.

The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Com-
pany, at a meeting of the board
of directors held in New York yester-
day, deferred indefinitely action on the
quarterly dividend on the preferred stock.

Samuel T. Morgan, president of the
company, which has its principal of-
fices in Richmond, issued yesterday af-
ternoon the following statement:

"Owing to the well-known condi-
tions existing in the cotton territory
of the South and the consequent un-
usually small payments in cash on ac-
count of the company's cash resources,
outstanding bills and accounts receiv-
able of this company, and the neces-
sity for the company carrying a great
deal of cotton as collateral for its ac-
counts and bills receivable, instead of
having same paid in cash as heretofore,
and the desire of the company to con-
serve its cash resources in order to
actively prosecute its business in the
furnishing of fertilizer, the preferred
stock dividend, ordinarily paid on Janu-
ary 15, has been deferred."

DEFERRED PAYMENT WOULD HAVE AMOUNTED TO \$260,000

The action of the chemical company
was not altogether unexpected, in view
of the conditions prevailing through-
out the cotton belt, in which the enormous
debt of the company does a large part
of its business. The company has a
preferred stock of \$1,000,000, on which
it has been paying 8 per cent for some
quarters. It has been paying 2 per cent
quarterly on the preferred stock, the amount
usually paid out at the January dividend
period having been in past years
\$260,000. Attention was called by of-
ficers of the company to the fact that
the dividend has never before been de-
ferred by stringent conditions to de-
ferred stock. It has been its policy to
business throughout the South to be
liberal in accepting notes of planters,
secured on their crops, in the sale of
fertilizer, and it now holds a large
amount of this paper, on which it is
difficult to realize because the crops
are not now marketable. With a re-
sumption of normal conditions in the
cotton belt, it is hoped that the divi-
dend deferred at this time may yet
be paid.

BRINGS ASHES OF HUSBAND

Mrs. W. W. Rockhill Arrives in San
Francisco From Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December
22.—Mrs. W. W. Rockhill, widow of the
veteran American diplomat, arrived
here to-day from Honolulu, bringing
with her the ashes of her husband.
She will proceed to Litchfield, Conn.,
her former home, where the funeral
services will be held.

Mr. Rockhill died in Honolulu on De-
cember 8, while on his way to accept
a post as financial adviser to the Chi-
nese government.

NO FILIPINO UPRISING

Governor-General Harrison Cables That
Report Is Without Foundation.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Gov-
ernor-General Harrison, of the Philip-
pines, cabled the War Department to-
day that "no foundation for whatever"
was known in Manila for published re-
ports of a Filipino uprising, in which
two companies of Philippine scouts on
Corregidor Island had been disarmed.

2 SHOPPING DAYS
Are all that remain before
Christmas. Help others and
yourself by buying Early.
THE TIMES-DISPATCH

ALLIES ARE MAKING EXTREMELY SLOW PROGRESS IN WEST

Some Ground Is Gained at
Widely Separated
Points.

NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN POSITION OF ARMIES

Germans North of Vistula Retire
Across East Prussian
Frontier.

RIVAL FORCES NEAR TOGETHER

Few Days Will Tell Whether War
saw Again Is to Be
Threatened.

Allies Won't Conclude Peace Separately

THE French Premier, Rene Viviani,
at the opening of the French
Parliament at Paris yesterday reiter-
ated in behalf of the government
its declaration of France's policy
with reference to the European war.

"There is at this time but one sin-
gle policy," he said, "a combat with-
out mercy until such time as we
accomplish the definite liberation of
Europe by a victory insuring peace."

The Premier alluded to the treaty
of September 4 last, known as the
British, French and Russian gov-
ernments engaged not to conclude
peace separately, and not to demand
conditions of peace without pre-
vious agreement among the allies,
and declared:

"France, acting in accord with her
allies, will not sheathe the sword
until she has taken vengeance for
outrages right and wrong, and
for all time to the French father-
land the provinces ravished from
her by force; restored her heroic
Belgium to the bosom of her maternal
life and her political independence;
and until Prussian militarism has
been crushed, to the end that it will
be possible to reconstruct, on a basis
of justice, a Europe finally regen-
erated."

As for weeks past, the fighting in
Flanders and the north of France
goes on without abatement.

Trenches are lost and won, and
reports from the allies mention
small gains at various points, while
from German headquarters come
similar announcements of gains.
Emperor William is at the
western front, and his presence
there is taken to indicate the im-
portance he attaches to the general
movement of the allies to drive the
Germans out.

"In the east, both Poland and Gal-
icia, battles still are being fought,
with few details being made public
as to the outcome. German claims
to have put troops across branches
of the Bzura and Hawka Rivers,
and the Russian official statement
describes fierce encounters. It also
describes the Russian forces on the
left bank of the Vistula River, be-
tween its lower course and the
Pillen, in all of which the Germans
are reported to have been repulsed.

A newspaper dispatch reports
that nearly 1,000 Austrian troops
have been killed or injured in a col-
lision between two trains in Rus-
sian Poland.

A German wireless dispatch says
that another German aeroplane has
been shot down over Dover, England,
and dropped bombs. It also con-
firmed the position of the British fleet.

LONDON, December 22 (10:25 P. M.).